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Liber B. Sworne before us the day and yeare above written

P. R. O. Hen: Jowles Ric: Ladd

John Griggs Ric Marsham Geo: Lingan John Craycroft

March 22th 1688

I Richard Fyffe doe depose that I heard William Sharpe say that the Indians when they were drunke did say that they were to fight against the English And further sayth not

R: Fyffe

sworne before me the day and yeare above said

Hen: Jowles

I will take my oath that Fyffe did say all that Atkey had sworne was true enough and yet when he came to be sworne himselfe he would not say anything as to that part of the oath which related to Coll Darnall

Hen: Jowles

Yor hon' humble Serv'

to Comand

Hen. Jowles

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint your hon that the people through out all the Countrey are in a very greate Tumult and Uproar such as will not be easily pacifyed unles some speedy satisfacon be given them; There has bin a Rumour a greate while, and now Instruccons come over from Virginia to Confirme it That the p. 207 Catholicks and Indians have plotted together to disturb cutt off all the protestants in the province, and the Indians doe already appeare, and begin to Infort themselves at the head of the River. Wherefore to satisfy the people and provide for the defence of the Countrey your honers (if you soe thinke fit will doe well to send a Comission to some person whome you shall thinke best to trust in soe wayty an affaire, to Rayse some men for the defence of the Countrey at the head of the River and Imediately to returne the Armes with powder and bulletts sufficient For the which wee have sent this boate and hands on purpose for untill you doe that doe and will hold themselves betrayed by your hon to the Comon Enemy Thus hopeing to receive a speedy and satisfactory answer by these bearers I rest in greate haste

March 24. 1688

To the honble Wm Joseph Esqr president and the rest of the

Dep Governors at

Mattapany

present

post hast for the Countreys service